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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence: Progress Report

- 1. The Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence was established on 25 August 1956 pursuant to an instruction from AD/RR (Annex A).
- 2. The Group has held nine meetings to date. The formal meetings and informal activities have been directed at three principal objectives:
- a. Development of a mechanism for the effective cooperation and coordination of Soviet Arctic intelligence within the DD/I Area.
- b. Group cooperation and coordination of DD/I Area activities which have developed during the period of the Group's formation and organisation.
- c. Mutual exchange of information and opinion on activities of current and continuing interest in the Soviet Arctic among members of the Group.
- 3. Two subcommittees were established to deal with the objective indicated in 2a: a subcommittee on "Clearing House Operation" and a subcommittee on the development of a list of DD/I priority objectives in Soviet Arctic research. The former has now concluded its activities (Report at Annex B); the latter group developed an approach to its more complicated problem (Report at Annex B<sub>1</sub>) but will not complete its final report until September.
- 4. The Group has performed several ND/I area-wide assignments during recent months which have contributed to the objective outlined in 2b. These assignments included the preparation of agenda for the

projects completed or in process which devote substantial attention to the Soviet Arctic, the current list is attached as Annex C. The Geographic Research Area of CRR has in process of production a basic research map of the Soviet Arctic designed to facilitate research and presentation of data on the subject area.

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- 5. The development of objective 2c was arranged on an experimental basis employing the experience developed in certain regional committees organized by ORR components. Some briefings on specific current developments of major intelligence interest were arranged to determine whether such briefings and discussions would be a desirable method of improving exploitation of the resources in the DD/I Area. The lectures and discussions presented by speakers from OCI and ERA components concerned with these subjects were very well received. They covered subjects such as Soviet naval activities in the Soviet Arctic, Soviet Arctic maritime shipping and air transportation, river traffic in the area and Soviet Long Range Air Force Arctic operations.
- 6. The Group at its most recent meeting, 21 May 1957, moved to defer its Group Progress Report until the deliberations of its Subcommittee on Priority Objectives could be completed and the necessary report adopted. I have attached at Annex D a copy of the minutes of all meetings of the subject group.

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1. This is to confirm the conclusions reached at the meeting attended by and myself on 23 August, when we discussed what might be done to develop a mechanism which would permit more cooperation and coordination in the intelligence coverage of the Soviet Arctic by components within the DD/I Area.

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2. The AD/SI has informed me that he would like to have participate as representatives from the Office of Scientific Intelligence. 25X1A9a

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and sentatives from the Office of Current Intelligence.

- 3. Both the AD/SI and the AD/CI agree with me that a small informal group of people whose interests are oriented toward the Soviet Arctic should meet as necessary for the purpose of discussing how the ID/I Area can best marshal the resources within the ID/I Area now devoted to the subject in order to obtain balanced intelligence on the area and to recognize and correct gross deficiencies. As you know, the Director has recently become very interested in the problems of the Soviet Arctic, particularly as related to the threat to the North American Continent. He specifically asked that the various components of the Agency keep on top of this problem.
- 4. Questions that should be considered would be the exchange of information, the lateral notification of the status of work in progress, the feasibility of cooperative effort on certain problems, the method for recognizing deficiencies that can be corrected by work within the DD/I Area, and the type of mechanism by which these questions can be most appropriately snavered.
- 5. As discussed on 23 August, I would strongly recommend a relatively small group, of not more than 10 or 12 at the most, working informally with sitting in the Chair. Within 60 to 90 days, the 4D's would expect some suggestions or recommendation that could lead to a formal solution within the ND/I area of procedures for meeting this problem.

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## S-E-C-R-E-T

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AD HOC GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

#### It is recommended:

- 1. That a single permanent DD/I Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence be formed within the DD/I area, to consist of one principle representative each from OSI, OCI, ERA/RR and CRA/RR.
- 2. That one of the members of this Group shall act as its chairman. The chairmanship shall be rotated between OFR and OSI representatives periodically by mutual agreement.
- 3. That a list shall be prepared and thereafter be maintained on all projects completed or in process in the DD/I area, which deal exclusively or to a substantial extent with the Soviet Arctic, and that this list shall contain the following: (a) Project Designation (Number), (b) Classification, (c) Title, (d) Brief Description of Contents as far as the Soviet Arctic is concerned, (e) Acting Unit, (f) Author(s), (g) Due Date or Target Date, (h) Date of Submission, (i) Date of Publication or other end use, (5) Form of Publication or Place of Availability. Each of the members of the Group shall initially prepare a list of the projects completed or in process at his Office, or area, with the above breakdowns, and send the master copy of its list to the chairman of the Group and a carbon copy to each other member. In order to keep these lists up to date at all times, each member shall. notify immediately all other members and the Group Chairman of any new project or any change in the status of any project. The master list maintained by the chairman will be considered the official list of ID/I projects on the Soviet Arctic and will be available at all times to anyone inside or outside of the DD/I area.
  - 4. In addition to the above the Group shall have the following functions:
- a. An Office receiving a request for a research project or study which is primarily concerned with the Soviet Arctic and requires contributions from more than one DD/I Office, will normally notify the Chairman of the Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence who, thereupon, shall have the duty to call a meeting of the Group and/or, upon request by the receiver of the assignment or upon his own motion, to take, in cooperation with the Offices or sub-units concerned, other steps required to facilitate and expedite compliance with the request.
- b. The Office receiving the request shall be responsible for integrating contributions into a single DD/I product and for coordination within the DD/I area. Any other necessary coordination shall be accomplished by the appropriate contributing offices.
- c. The Group will handle such other assignments on the Soviet Arctic as may be required.

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#### DD/I Priority Arctic Objectives

### I. PLESS Friendly

- 1. Soviet capabilities and intentions for the development of the Arctic as an operational military base from which nuclear attack can be made on the United States or key U.S. oversess installations.
- 2. Soviet capabilities and intentions for the utilization of the Arctic as a first line of defense egainst air attack.
- 3. Soviet capabilities and intentions for use of the Archic as an avenue of approach for nuclear attack on the Chited States or key overseas installations.

#### II. Second Friority

- 1. The development of the Soviet Arctic as an economic asset and the effect this will have on the economic strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet Bloc.
- 2. Soviet and Satellite scientific and technical strengths and weaknesses substantially affecting Soviet military and economic capabilities in the Archic.

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### PRIORITY I

- Development of Arctic as military base for offensive nuclear attack
   on U.S. or key possessions overseas installations by
  - a. thided missiles
  - b. Long range bombers
  - c. Submarines
- 2. Soviet utilization of Arctic as first line of defende against air attack by deployment of
  - a. Surface-to-air guided misuiles
  - b. Eurly warning reder system
  - c. Intercaptor aircraft
- 3. Use of Arctic as averse of approach for nuclear attack on U.S. or key oversess installations
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  - b. Long range bombers
  - e. Air shipment of troops

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#### S-E-C-R-E-X CIA INTERNAL VASE OFFIX

### First Priority Interests

- I. Soviet capabilities and intentions for the development of the Arctic as an operational military base from which nuclear attack can be made on the United States or key U.S. overseas installations
  - A. Operational deployment of guided missiles (offensive -- ICBM, INBM) (defensive -- surface -to -air including anti-ballistic)
    - 1. Determination of probable site location for missile installations
      - a. Determination of storage familities
        - (1) Soviet research in the problem of permafrost
        - (2) Soviet research directed toward the construction of storage facilities
        - (3) Soviet material research directly related to the storage problem
      - b. Fabrication and assembly of missiles under Arctic conditions
        - (1) Temperature and humidity control
      - c. Determination of launching facilities
        - (1) Soviet research on promefront as it relates to the establishment of launching sites
        - (2) the problem of underground wire communications for the Launching site
    - 2. Soviet research on Arctic factors critical to missile operation and performance
      - a. The problem of propulsion under Arctic Conditions
        - (1) Fuel production in the Arctic (e.g., liquid oxygen)
        - (2) Soviet research on the problems of low temperature storage of fuels
          - (a) materiel
          - (b) fuels
  - (3) Soviet research on the fueling problem Approved For Release 2001/08/27: CIA-RDP70T00666R000100050008-2 S-E-Y-R-E-Y CIA INTERNAL USE ONLY

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  - (1) Electromognetic radiation problems
    - (a) euroral phantaine
    - (b) commic rey
    - (c) earth megnetic field
    - (d) magnetic storms
  - (2) Gravitational anomalies
    - (a) establishment of local vertical (geodetic gravinetry)
  - (3) Targeting problems specific to the Arctic
    - (a) Geodesy
    - (h) Cartography
- Launching and bandling problems specifically related to Arctic operations
  - (1) The problem of reliability such as ignition eyetem
  - (2) Prebeating
  - (3) Materiel
    - (a) plastics (protective clothing, fuel lines, etc.)
    - (b) rutber
    - (c) metals
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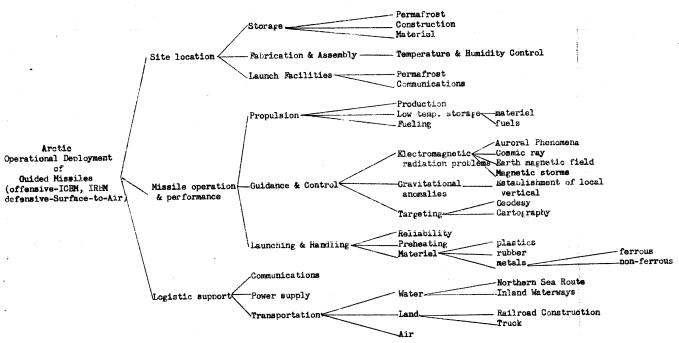
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- 3. logistic support problems related to missile installations in the Arctic
  - a. Transportation
    - (1) Water transportation
      - (a) Northern Sea Route
      - (b) inland waterways
    - (2) Land transportation
      - (a) railroad construction
      - (b) road system
    - (3) Air transportation
  - b. Communications
  - c. Power supply
- B. Establishment of bases for the operational deployment of long-range bombers
- C. Establishment of bases for the deployment of long-range submarines including under-ice operations of nuclear propelled submarines

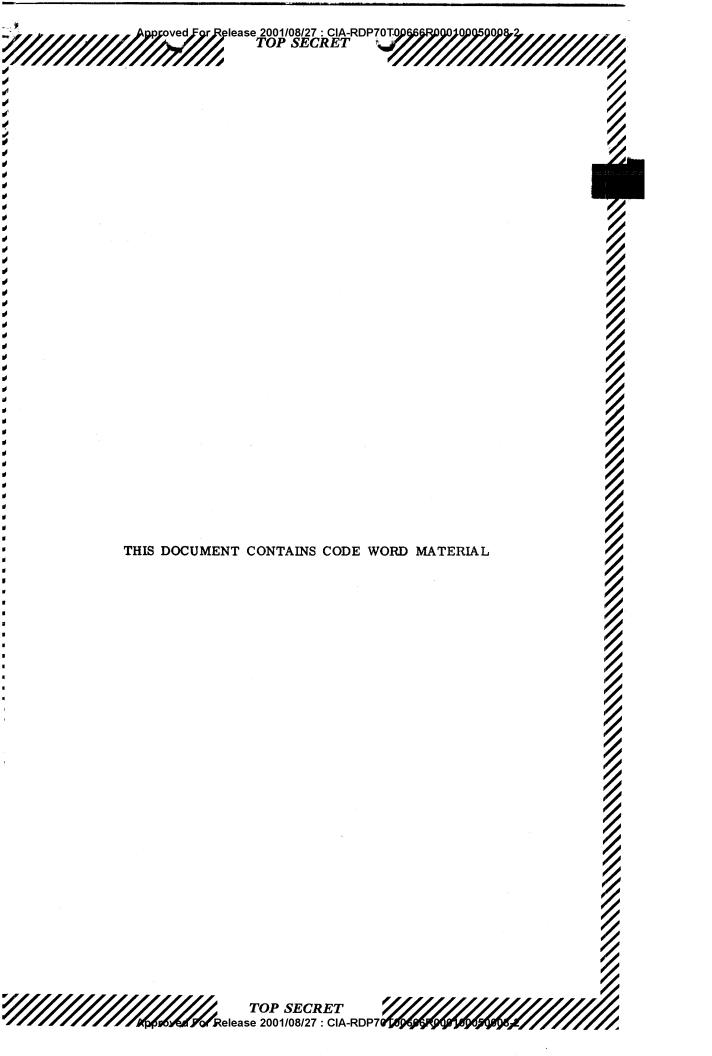
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#### ORGANIZATION OF RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

#### ON THE SOVIET ARCTIC IN THE DD/I AREA

#### A. Organization

- 1. The Special Service Organizations Section in the Organizations and Management Branch (S/OM) of the Services Division, ORR, is engaged exclusively in research on the Soviet Arctic. Its mission is to follow and report upon all activities within the Soviet Arctic area.
- 2. In addition, the activities of the following units include a substantial amount of work on the Soviet Arctic:
  - a. ORR. The Transportation Branch, Services Division (S/TR), in covering Sovbloc transport, devotes a considerable portion of its efforts to research on the development of transport facilities and logistic support of military and economic activities in the Soviet Arctic.

The USSR Branch, Geography Division (D/GG/S), has the general mission to produce regional and systematic geographic intelligence reports, geographic studies in support of operational objectives, research services, and mapping intelligence on the USSR in support of CIA and other IAC programs. Included in its activities are the production of specific geographic intelligence reports on current developments in the Soviet Arctic as well as Soviet intentions and capabilities in this area.

The Soviet Mapping Intelligence Staff, Geography (D/GG/X), is responsible for intelligence on Soviet foreign and domestic surveying and mapping activities. Within this broad responsibility special emphasis is given to Soviet Arctic work (1) because of the importance of Soviet efforts to establish geodetic as well as mapping and charting connections between Eurasia and North America, and (2) because the unique characteristics of the basin and the polar ice pack as well as its potential utility for launching attacks on North America require that its geodetic and charting aspects be studied.

b. OSI. The Geophysics Branch, Fundamental Sciences Division (GP/FSD), has the general mission to conduct allsource research and surveillance of information and intelligence on all aspects of foreign work in the various fields of geophysics; to develop proposals relating to systems and techniques for the collection and collation of information and intelligence relating to this assigned mission; and to provide intelligence support in the fields of geophysics for the AD/SI and for other offices and agencies in the assigned fields. Since a large proportion of the Soviet research in the Arctic region is of a geophysical nature, a substantial portion of the efforts of this Branch is in this direction.

The Medicine Division (MD) has the general mission to conduct research and surveillance of information and intelligence concerning foreign human medicine and allied sciences including the human medical aspect of biological, chemical, and atomic warfare; to develop proposals for collection and to provide intelligence support. It applies this mission also to the Arctic area including such special problems as mutrition, special disease problems, psychological effects of Arctic environment and personnel operation problems.

- 3. There are numerous other units in ORR, OSI, and OCI which deal with Soviet Arctic matters within the framework of their missions if and when this appears opportune.
- 4. No uniform definition of the term "Soviet Arctic" is used throughout the DD/I area.

#### B. Production

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# Intelligence Reports Dealing Exclusively with Soviet Arctic

### I. FY's 1955 and 1956

Responsible Component	Project Number	<u> Title</u>	Publication Data
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s/on	11.258	Organisation and Activities of the First Directorate of Dal'stroy	CIA/SC/RR 108, 29 Jul 55
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s/Tr	13.591	Railroad Development in Northwestern Siberia	Intelligence Memo- rendum & Nov 54
s/Tr	13.948	Significance of Soviet Arctic Rail Construction	(Indefinate)
<b>D/00/</b> S		Railroad Development in the Salekhard- Igarka Region	CI A/RR-MR-42 Aug 54
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œ/fsd	PD 6-401	Research Activities of the Soviet Arctic Institute	•
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s/om	None	Sixth Five-Tear Plan of Dry and Liquid Cargo Shipments on Lastern Sector of Northern Sea Route	Submitted for use by Watch Committee 21 Nov 55
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CCT	Additional Northern Fleet Activity in Extended Areas Reported	CID 31 Jan 55 TS
ocr	Elements of Soviet Northern Fleet May Move Outside Home Waters	SIS to CID 7 Feb 55 TS CODEWORD
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ocx	Probable Transfer of Soviet naval Vessels to Far East wia Northern Sea Route	SIS to CID 13 Jul 55 TS CODENORD
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cci	Two Soviet Submarine Tender Built in East Germany Move to Northern Fleet Area	crp
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S/OM,ORR	Soviet Arctic Research to be Intensified	CTWR 16 Feb 56
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### Current Intelligence Items with Heavy Emphasis on the Arctic

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